



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUP. JURSIK: LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD (GAB) ALONE **"Sensitive Matters Require Above-Board Scrutiny, Not Partisan Gridlock"**

Supervisor Patricia Jursik said today that the state Legislature should "leave the Government Accountability Board alone," and she issued a document showing the type of memorandum the GAB would normally review.

Here is just one memo the Government Accountability Board likely reviewed in the John Doe I and II matters, according to Jursik:

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between the Milwaukee County Executive Office
And
Heritage Guard Preservation Society, Inc.

Whereas the Milwaukee County Executive Office (MCEO) initiated and host the thank you event for veterans, active duty military personnel and their families now known as Operation Freedom, and

Whereas the Milwaukee County Executive Office desires to transfer the ownership, responsibility and operation of this event to a non-profit corporation to ensure the continuation of Operation Freedom for the benefit of veterans, active duty military personnel and their families, and

Whereas the Heritage Guard Preservation Society, Inc. (HGPS) has expressed a desire to administer, manage, and continue this worthwhile event,


Now, therefore the parties agree as follows:

1. The MCEO hereby irrevocably transfers to the HGPS the ownership and operation of the event known as Operation Freedom, including records and assets thereof.
2. The HGPS agrees to accept the ownership and operation of Operation Freedom.
3. The HGPS states its intention to run Operation Freedom as a segregated project and maintain separate financial records specific to Operation Freedom, including complete accountings of all income and expenses thereof.
4. The HGPS agrees to offer the opportunity to participate in this event to all members of the planning committee and volunteers who have worked on it in the past, subject to those individuals desire to continue such work.
5. The Milwaukee County Executive identified below agrees to serve as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee that will be created for Operation Freedom, and to seek the continued participation of Milwaukee County in supporting the event.

Signed and agreed to this 20th day of October, 2009.



Scott Walker, County Executive
Milwaukee County



Timothy Russell, President
Heritage Guard Preservation Society, Inc

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“Governor Walker, did the GAB make you give the fiduciary accounting you promised after you signed off this money transfer?” Jursik said.

The attached memo was included in the criminal complaint against former Walker staffer Timothy Russell (2011ML030-434), she added. Jursik said Walker, who was Russell’s boss, should be asked if he ever gave an accounting to the veterans.

Such a document would lead independent GAB members to make an inquiry, Jursik said.

“While both Republicans and Democrats might like to eliminate this kind of scrutiny, it is imperative that the GAB, a ‘clean government’ body, continue without politicization,” Jursik said. "Sensitive matters require above-board scrutiny, not partisan gridlock as is proposed in Senate Bill 43/Assembly 68.”

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